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LB 558, 707, 796

SENATOR BEREUTER: This would be the N.R.D. is my understanding, Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: All right, thank you.

PRESIDENT: The question is shall the bill be advanced? Record your vote. Please vote. Have you voted? Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB 558.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 558 was a bill introduced by Senator Barry Reutzel of the 15th District. (Read title to LB 558.) The bill was read on January 4, 1978. It was referred to the Urban Affairs Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. There are presently no amendments pending, Mr. President.

SENATOR REUTZEL: Mr. President, members of the body, 558 simply allows municipal officers other than Chairmen and Secretary of Boards who are previously approved to do so to sign orders for disbursement of funds. We have some problems. I don't know whether this is parochial or not. I don't suspect that they are. I believe they have had problems like this other places that people in the summer time are out on vacation, you have a three or four member board and the Chairman and the Secretary are gone, and we have situations where we cannot disburse funds and because these people are out of town. This would simply allow another person to be authorized to sign those checks in their absence. I want to point out that any large expenditures are approved by the City Council so we're not trying to sneak anything by anyone. Prior approval is needed. We have a particular situation where sometimes you cannot anticipate the exact expenditure and you certainly can't, knowing that you are going to leave town, you can't sign a blank check and go on your vacation a particular time when you have to go and for example, renegotiating insurance for a particular department or for a city for example. Sometimes these negotiations are carried up right up until the last day until a figure is decided upon and when that happens they need to be signed and need to be filed and sometimes this is not possible. As a result, cities become liable for a particular period of time until these can be signed. This would simply authorize additional individuals to sign these disbursements and I would move for the advancement of the bill.

PRESIDENT: The question is the advancement of the bill. Record your vote. Have you all voted? Please vote. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay on the advancement of the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: It is advanced. LB 591. Senator Cope. Senator Cope is excused. Senator Labedz is excused. Senator Frank Lewis, you are up. 796.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 796 is a bill introduced by Senator Frank Lewis of the 45th District. (Read title to LB 796.) The bill was read on January 11, 1978. It was referred to the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee. It was advanced to General File, Mr. President. There are no amendments pending.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. President, this is a very simple bill. The bill as Senator Murphy already heard it, a bowling alley

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